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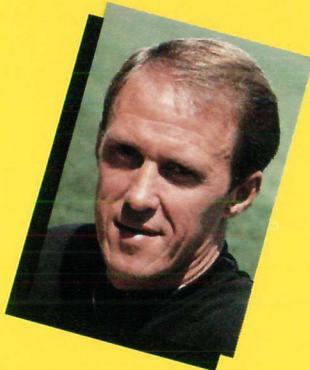
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Season 1989-90

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AS encouraging as our performance against Watford was on Tuesday night, it is important that we get our feet back on the ground for this afternoon's test against Leyton Orient.

We've turned in a good team effort against Second Division opposition, but the League is our bread and butter and is, in the long run, our passport to regular Second Division football. The reason I want our feet firmly back on the ground is that I

recognise exactly how difficult it is going to be to keep things going—this afternoon being no exception. I've known all along that we've been dealt a difficult hand with these first few games of the season and it's no surprise to me to see three of the four promoted clubs doing exceptionally well.

Rotherham, Leyton Orient and Tranmere all seem to have started where they left off last year. We've already been tested at Rotherham, where we suffered our first defeat last Saturday, and I certainly won't be underestimating Leyton Orient this afternoon or Tranmere when we play them.

The tie still has to be decided, I know, but I think we achieved something with our display against Watford on Tuesday. But then I have always said that I have faith in my players to match sides of that nature—they proved that when they beat Blackburn Rovers just before the season started.

Again I was delighted to introduce another new player to the club with the signing of Paul Comstive on Tuesday. But that doesn't mean the end of the business of strengthening the team. Team building is something we discuss whole-heartedly these days on a regular basis. We are working hard, I can promise you, to constantly keep abreast of the situation.

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MANAGER Phil Neal finally got his man on Tuesday when signing Paul Constive from Burnley, the left sided midfielder/defender had been chased by the Manager during the summer and will no doubt prove to be another tremendous asset for the Club.



He's on his way back!
Mark Came is now firmly on his way back to competitive football. Last week he played for over an hour in the Reserve game against York and last Wednesday he played at Turf Moor for the Reserves. It's great to see the big man in action again and it's not going to be too long before he's knocking on the first team door.

CLUB NEWS

It will be remembered that twelve months ago, on the 27th September 1988, Bolton's great keeper from the golden twenties, Dick Pym, died at the grand age of 95.

Recently his home town of Topsham have produced a book on its townsfolk and Dick was included as its most famous sporting son. It is reproduced here:

*Oh! MR PYM, Sir,
What would we do?
Whatever would our Town be like
Without the likes of you?
Engaged in fine embroidery,
As you sit and weave
Do you think of earlier days?
Do you ever grieve
For those days out fishing
For salmon long ago
Or when, as BOLTON Goalie
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To win you recognition
At Wembley—when the name
Of 'PINCHER' was a cincher
That we watched a brilliant game.
Do you miss the life, the limelight?
Do you miss that cool control,
All the placing and the chasing
Of the ball before the goal?
Oh! Footballer of Fable,
Great Star of every pitch
Life's Tapestry
For you must be—
A save—in every stitch!*

(DICK 'PINCHER' PYM died on September 27th 1988 at the grand age of 95. He will be greatly missed.)



Photo: Dick Pym prior to 1926 F.A. Cup Final.



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LEAGUE ENCOURAGE PITCH IMPROVEMENT

At last month's Extraordinary General Meeting of The Football League, it was decided that in future no League clubs in either the First or Second Divisions would be permitted to play on an artificial surface. Those who currently had a synthetic installation would have until the beginning of season 1991/92 to replace them. Any club promoted to the Second Division would be given a period of 2 years in which to revert to a natural surface.

Third and Fourth Division clubs will still be permitted to play on such surfaces, but the criteria relating to any new installations is to be considered by the Associate Members' Advisory Committee, who will put forward recommendations to the League Management Committee.

Whilst considering the question of playing surfaces, the Management Committee recognised the need to encourage the improvement and development of natural grass pitches and to this end will appoint a Playing Surfaces Sub-Committee. This will include representatives from the Management Committee, Associate Members, P.F.A. Sports Turf Research Institute and a groundmen's delegate.

CHAMPIONS LEAD THE WAY

In these days of the £2 million player and a buoyant transfer market, it is encouraging to reflect that Arsenal won last season's Barclays League Championship with five regular first team players who were products of their own youth policy. Tony Adams, Paul Merson, David O'Leary, David Rocastle and Michael Thomas were all former apprentices with the club—other squad players such as Gus Caesar, Paul Davis and Martin Hayes also coming through the Gunners' stable.

With the introduction of the YTS scheme into professional football in 1983, apprentices gave way to trainees and the number of young footballers affiliated to League clubs steadily increased. Indeed, the advent of the YTS scheme has provided all 92 clubs with a real

opportunity to emulate the League champions in terms of producing their own talent. For example in May 1983, the number of apprentices registered with the League had plummeted to only 302 compared with the 1,098 trainees signed as at May, this year.

The structure for developing new players in a full-time environment has, therefore, never been stronger—a real testimony to the 92 club system.

The figures below give an indication of the changes which have occurred during the last six years.

	Apprent. registered May '83	Trainees registered May '89
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Div. Two	85	324
Div. Three	57	303
Div. Four	33	228
Total	302	1098



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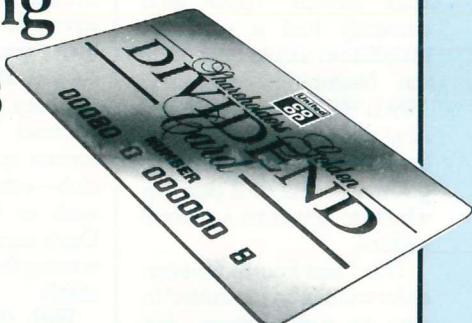
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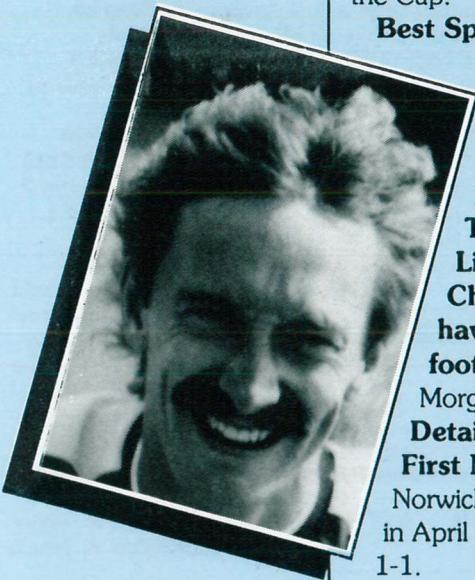


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BARRY COWDRILL



Name: Barry Cowdrill

Place/Date of Birth:

Birmingham/3.1.57.

Married: Yes

Children: 1 - Laura

Favourite Other Team: Aston Villa

Favourite Away Ground: Old Trafford

Best Player you have seen in your position:

Derek Statham

Best Goal scored and how:

Scored from five yards inside opposition's half as 'keeper was running out.

Best Goal seen: Mark Winstanley last season in the Cup.

Best Sporting

Moment outside football:

Winning the Ryder Cup.

The Liveliest Character you have met in football: Trevor Morgan

Details of your First Match:

Norwich City away in April 1979/drew 1-1.

Your worst moment on the football field:

Scoring own goal and giving away a penalty in a friendly in Sweden.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch:

Own goal by Ally Robertson.

Your best pal in football: Not got one.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Phil Brown

Nicky Brookman

Do you have any hobbies: Golf, snooker.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Nick Faldo

Your favourite newspaper: Daily Express

Your favourite

holiday spot: Cyprus

Biggest risk taken in your life: Going into football from work.

Happiest moment outside football:

Seeing my daughter Laura being born.



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LEYTON ORIENT



Leyton Orient come to Burnden Park this afternoon in confident mood after a good start to life back in the Third Division. The O's ended a four season stay in the Fourth Division by gaining

promotion on June 3rd, beating Wrexham in the play off's. A Brisbane Road crowd of 13,355 saw goals by Harvey and Cooper enable Orient to beat Wrexham 2-1 after a scoreless draw at the Reccourse Ground.

It was a fine late season run which enabled Leyton to clinch a play off position, having still been in mid table by the end of February. They won 11 and drew 4 of their last 17 games and had a string of high scoring wins, taking their league tally to an impressive 86 goals. Promotion was a fitting reward for a side reckoned to be one of the best footballing outfits in the division for the last four seasons and came after they had been in contention in each of the previous three years.

This season saw the O's begin with two league defeats at home to Notts County (0-1) and at Shrewsbury (2-4). However, Frank Clark's side has recovered to win their last three games at home to Preston (3-1) and Wigan (1-0) and at Walsall (3-1) and earned a plum Littlewoods Cup tie with Everton by virtue of a 7-1 aggregate win over Gillingham. In the first leg in midweek Everton won 2-0 at Brisbane Road.

Leyton Orient have scored 16 goals in their 8 games so far, suggesting that the summer transfers of Alan Comfort (to Middlesbrough) and Ian Juryeff (to Halifax) have not affected their striking power. With both sides hitting impressive early season form an entertaining game is in prospect.

Season 1988-89

Division Four

Home

P46; W 16; D 2; L 5; F 61; A 19.

Away

W 5; D 10; L 8; F 25; A 31; Points 75 (6th) Promoted after beating Scarborough and Wrexham in the Play Off's

Most League Appearances

Howard 46; Baker 46; Day 45; Comfort 44; Dickenson 38 + 1 sub; Sitton 37; Hales 35; Juryeff 28 + 1; Harvey 25 + 4; Ward 28; Heald 28.

Most League Goals

Comfort 19; Campbell 9; Hales 9; Juryeff 9; Castle 6; Harvey 6

This Season- 1989-90

Scorers (League and Cup)

Castle 5; Cooper 4; Harvey 2; Carter 1; Day 1; Howard 1; Hull 1; Sitton 1.

Goalkeeper **Paul Heald** came to Brisbane Road from Sheffield United, initially on loan. He was voted the club's Young Player of the Year for a string of fine displays in the O's promotion campaign, playing in every game from his debut in December 1988.

Steve Baker was signed from Southampton in March

FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	Lge		FA		Most Apps	Top Scorer	League	
			Cup	Cup	Cup	Cup			Wilmot 46	Cornwell 10
1984-85	3	22nd	2	4			Dickenson 46	Shinners 16		
1985-86	4	5th	2	4			Cornwell 45 + 1	Comfort 11		
1986-87	4	7th	1	3			Wells 46, Comfort 46	Juryeff 16		
1987-88	4	8th	1	4			Howard 46, Baker 46	Comfort 19		
1988-89	4	6th*	3	1						

(* Promoted after Play Offs)



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1988 and is an experienced and versatile player who was an everpresent last season. He made 73 appearances for Saints and has also had a loan spell at Burnley. Hackney born **Keith Dickenson** moved to Orient from Charlton at the start of the 1985-86 season having served his apprenticeship at Spurs. He passed 200 league appearances last season. **Keith Day** was signed from Colchester United in July 1987 and missed only one game last season. He started his career with non league Aveley. **John Sitton** came to Orient in July 1985 having played previously for Chelsea, Millwall and Gillingham. He began the season with 274 league games under his belt.

Dartford born **Kevin Hales** has been at Brisbane Road since the summer of 1983. At home as either a full back or in midfield, the former Chelsea player has made over 200 appearances for the O's. **Terry Howard** is another former Chelsea player who moved across London in March 1987. He was an everpresent last season and was



Back Row (left to right): Brian Eastick (Ass. Manager), Greg Berry, Michael Marks, John Sitton, Paul Ward, Terry Howard, Paul Heald, Lee Harvey, Mark Smalley, Mark Cooper, Carl Hoddle, Kevin Nugent, Bill Songhurst (Physio).

Front Row: Jeremy Gill, Alan Hull, Steve Castle, Keith Day, Frank Clark (Manager), Steve Baker, Kevin Dickenson, Kevin Hales, Danny Carter.

voted the club's Player of the Year. Local lad **Steve Castle** was an apprentice at Brisbane Road and became a full professional in 1984. A regular ever since, he has made over 150 senior appearances for his only club.

Peter Ward is another product of Chelsea, the Bedlington born midfield player moving onto Middlesbrough in 1982 and then Darlington before joining Orient in 1988. **Lee Harvey** made his first team debut as an apprentice in March 1984 and is approaching his century of league appearances. The Harlow born player is a former England Youth International.

Mark Cooper scored some vital goals towards the end of last season including a hat trick against Scunthorpe. After beginning his career with Cambridge, Mark moved on to Tottenham where he failed to break

into the league side. He was signed from Gillingham in February 1989.

Danny Carter made his full debut recently and the Hackney born winger will be hoping to cement a regular place this season. Striker **Alan Hull** was signed from non league Barking having served an apprenticeship at Southend. **Carl Hoddle** joined the O's at the start of this season from Bishop Stortford and is the younger brother of ex Spurs and now Monaco star Glenn. **Geoff Pike** made 291 appearances for West Ham and a further 82 for Notts County before moving back to London to add his vast experience to the O's Third Division campaign.



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MATCH REPORT

The 2nd Round

It's been a hectic mid-week with clubs involved in the Littlewoods Cup 2nd Round. Like all Cup draws some unique pairings can arise and one of last Tuesday's plum fixtures involved Wigan Athletic and Liverpool. It was unfortunate that Springfield Park was ruled 'offside' to stage the game and the Latics faced Liverpool at Anfield.

Swedish international Glenn Hysen opened the scoring for the 'Reds' but Wigan fought back to equalise through Brian Griffiths and when pacey David Thompson put them in front the Wigan end must have erupted. Liverpool stepped up a gear and goals by Ian Rush (2), Beardsley and

Barnes made the final scoreline look more realistic.

From the seaside to the 'smoke'—that was Fourth Division Scarborough trek to face high flying Chelsea of the First Division for the first leg tie at Stamford Bridge. After only six minutes Ken Monkou placed a crazy lob over his own 'keeper—and that's 6' 4" Dave Beasant—to put Scarborough in the lead. But two minutes later Graham Roberts had forced the equaliser. Scarborough 'keeper Blackwell played an outstanding game and that's how it ended at 1-1, setting a perfect stage for the second leg.

Leeds and Oldham Athletic must be sick of the sight of each other. Over the past four seasons they have met 16 times. Former Manchester United favourite Gordon Strachan put Leeds ahead in the 27th minute but in form Andy Ritchie forced a first half equaliser and in the second period Joe Royle's men increased their lead further and the final scoreline finished Oldham 2, Leeds 1.

The Crystal Palace — Leicester game was full of excitement in typical Cup tie frenzy. Leicester took the game to Palace in the early encounters but as Palace pressed they found their luck had evaded them. The wood-work intervened on three occasions and two 'goals' were disallowed.

Leicester took advantage on the night and ran out

eventual 2-1 winners making the second leg at Filbert Street difficult for Steve Coppell's men.

Arsenal took on Plymouth at Highbury and when Alan Smith put the Gunners in the lead after 7 minutes the stage looked set for a comfortable victory, but the 'Pilgrims' held firm and it was not until 3 minutes from time that an own goal created a 2-0 barrier.

Second Division pacemakers, Watford brought a costly looking side to Burnden Park where almost 7,000 spectators turned up. They couldn't stop Tony Philliskirk putting Bolton in the lead in the first half and Watford could have considered themselves fortunate to return to the dressing room at half time trailing by the odd goal. The second period opened with Watford's defence holding firm and their forwards looking more threatening, in particular the pacey Rod Thomas on the right who was always looking for an opening. Then came the equaliser, but Bolton regained their composure and began to put together some good passing moves. It was from one of these build-up's that are a pleasure to watch, that Philliskirk got onto the end of a precision cross to the far post to head past Coton in the Watford goal.

Come Wednesday and other ties had to take place before the second leg's on October 3rd.

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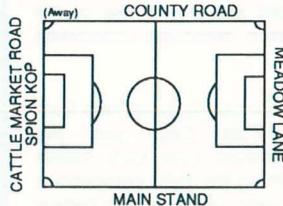
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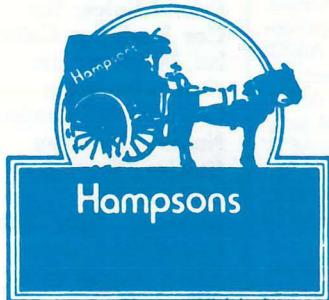
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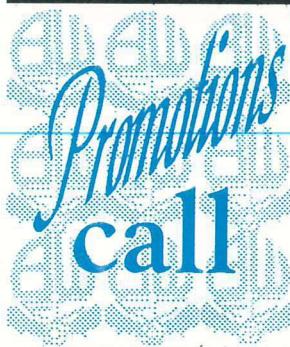
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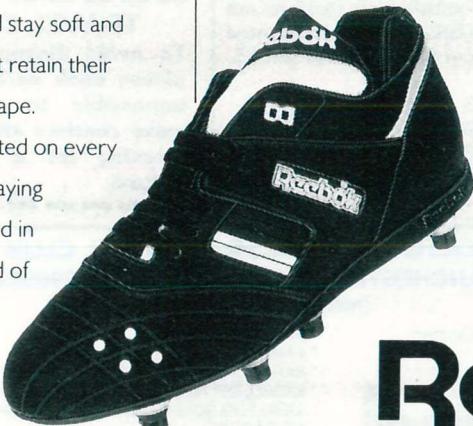
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LOOKING BACK

23rd September



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1899: A run of 17 league games without defeat was commenced with a 4-0 home win over Lincoln City. Gilligan, Bell, Fitchett and Somerville were the scorers in this Second Division encounter.

1916: The Wanderers recorded their first win of the season in the Lancashire section of the War league competition by a margin of 9-2 over Stoke at Burnden. Joe Smith hit six goals, one from the penalty spot, which would be a club record if it were not in war time football. His left wing partner Ted Vizard also scored whilst Sharp hit the target twice.

Prior to this game Stoke had been unbeaten but the eleven goals sent the 2116 crowd home happy.

1922: Bolton kept their first clean sheet of the season with a 3-0 home defeat of Birmingham at Burnden. Ted Vizard

opened the scoring in the first minute and Joe Smith made sure of the points with a goal either side of half time.

In the final minute Birmingham's international half back Barton, was sent off for kicking Rowley.

1964: It was goals galore at Burnden Park during September with the Wanderers scoring 18 goals in 4 league games. Unfortunately they came unstuck in the second round of the League cup when Blackburn Rovers visited and ran out 5-1 winners. Wyn Davies was the Bolton scorer.

1975: A goal two minutes from time robbed Bolton of victory over Bristol Rovers at Eastville. Bruce Bannister gave Rovers the lead before Paul Jones headed the equaliser. Roy Greaves looked to have secured the points when he put Bolton in front with eight minutes left but Frank Prince prevented a third away win in a row with a thirty yard shot.

1981: Bolton paraded an all green kit for the first time and recorded their first win of the season by 2-0 at Derby County. Chris Thompson and Gerry McElhinney were the scorers.



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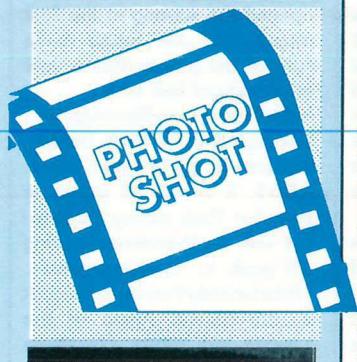
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ABOVE LEFT: Robbie Savage in a tussle with Bristol's Ian Alexander.

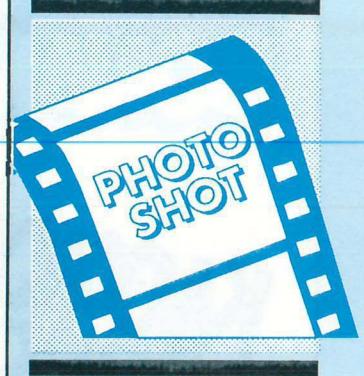
BELLOW LEFT: Steve Thompson cracks in a shot at the Bristol Rovers goal.

ABOVE RIGHT: So close; Bolton Julian Darby fails to get a touch of the ball.

BELLOW RIGHT: Tony Philliskirk Bristol Rovers midfield challenge.



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Today's fixture with Leyton Orient marks the first of three on successive Saturdays with Mansfield next week and local rivals Wigan Athletic the visitors in two weeks time. That is not to say that we won't be on our travels in this period of time with midweek games against Notts County on Tuesday night and Watford in the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup. Sometimes the computer which gives us the fixture lists at the beginning of the season throws up interesting spells of games like this one where we are at home for three Saturdays in a row but on the other hand travelling to Brentford for a midweek game would have been nice to avoid. But never mind it could have been worse, like last season with Gillingham on a cold wet Tuesday night, but it wasn't all that bad because the lads did the business on the Park.

Last Saturday's visit to South Yorkshire and the home of Rotherham saw us dominate for long periods but somehow we could just not find the net due to some fine keeping by Kelham O'Hanlon and some misfortune in front of goal. It's never nice to have the long unbeaten League run broken but the performance was very encouraging in a lot of ways

and the Wanderers' support was again fantastic with the noise created quite easily drowning out the home support. Today we can hopefully start to put our home League goal tally up a bit with only one goal so far in two games.

Promoted Leyton Orient will of course be hoping to keep up their impressive start to the season and we welcome their supporters today especially because they always give us a warm and friendly welcome when we visit Brisbane Road.

It was sad to read in the Bolton Evening News last week about the Bristol Rovers supporter who was attacked for no reason before that League game. Why on earth it had to happen I do not know, but surely the people involved should be ashamed of themselves; are they really coming to watch a football match or just out for a spot of bother?

The Wanderers launched 'Out with a Lout' a couple of seasons ago and with close links with the Police have tried to stamp out as much as possible the hooligan element. Incidents like that can only blacken not only the mass majority of good Wanderers supporters but also the good name of the Club.

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Aug.	23	Sheffield W.	A
	30	Stoke C.	H
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A
	13	York City	H
	19	Burnley	A
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L	A
	27	Blackpool	H
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L	A
	11	Preston N.E.	H
	18	Port Vale	A
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H
	15	Sunderland	A
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A
	29	Barnsley	H
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A
	13	Middlesbrough	H
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A
	3	Stoke City	A
	10	Sheffield W.	H
	17	York City	A
	24	West Brom. Albion	H
	31	Burnley	H
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A
	12	Preston N.E.	A
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L	A
	21	Mansfield T.	H
	28	Barnsley	A
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H
	10	Middlesbrough	A
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H
	30	Wigan Ath.	A
May	2	Sunderland	H

6th September, 1989.

West Bromwich Albion Reserves . . . 5
Bolton Wanderers Reserves 1

The Hawthorns continued to be an unhappy hunting ground for the Wanderers when they conceded three goals in the final eighteen minutes to end any hopes of bringing home a point.

Albion player manager Brian Talbot put his side into the driving seat with two goals in the opening half. His first was a deflected free kick in the 19th minute and his second a long range shot from the edge of the penalty area on the stroke of half time.

Despite this, the Wanderers continued to have their fair share of possession, and ten minutes into the second period they pulled a goal back when Alan Stubbs headed home a Gary Henshaw cross.

The Wanderers then took the initiative and Albion looked shaky but all this changed with the home sides third goal in the 72nd minute. Adrian Foster, partnering former Wanderer John Thomas up front, got clear of the

Bolton defence to volley past Kevin Rose.

Six minutes later Foster scored again from a similar position which did have a hint of offside to it. Four minutes from time it was again Talbot who found the Bolton net with yet another long range effort, his speculative volley going in off the inside of the post.

Having played three of the fancied sides for promotion and taken only one point, the Wanderers now know that after last season's near miss, a top four placing this term will be no easy task.

Team: Rose, Hughes (P), Oliver, Henshaw, Stubbs, Neal, Brookman, Williams, Stevens, Jeffrey, Hughes (K). Subs: Spooner, Fisher for Hughes (K).

Next Wednesday 27th September, the Wanderers are at home to Blackpool with a 7 p.m. kick off.



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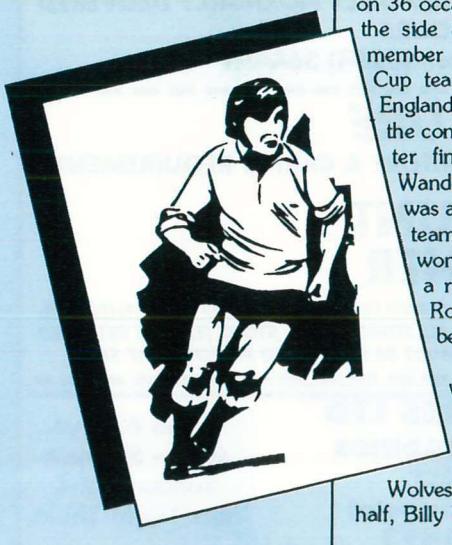
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

RONNIE CLAYTON

Ex Blackburn and England



Ronnie Clayton played in the traditional blue and white half shirt of Blackburn for 20 years. He was, and still is a popular figure around the north Lancashire town.

Ronnie looks back on a career with many highlights at Club and international levels. He recalled one meeting with Bolton Wanderers back in 1958. "They beat us in the semi final of the F.A. Cup at Maine Road. Nat had done his shoulder and a lad called Gubbins was drafted into the side and won the game for them." Blackburn had one or two hand players at the time, namely a tricky winger in Bryan Douglas. "I called him a little genius. He had a strong heart and was devoted to football. Had he been with a club such as Arsenal, he would have been World class."

Ronnie represented England on 36 occasions and captained the side 8 times. He was a member of the 1958 World Cup team in Sweden when England were knocked out of the competition in the quarter finals by Russia. Ex-Wanderer Tommy Banks was also a member of the team. "We found him a wonderful character and a right comedian," said Ron, "Wish him all the best from me."

It was only last week that Ronnie Clayton went on a secret mission to honour former Wolves and England centre half, Billy Wright. That was to

appear on 'This is Your Life' which is due to be transmitted shortly. "There were a host of well known guests" declared Ron, "Names like Tom Finney, Wilf Mannion, Raich Carter and all of the fabulous Wolves team of the '50's. I was called upon as a member of one of the England teams and former Bolton manager Jimmy Armfield and keeper Eddie Hopkinson were there." How is Eddie these days? "He looked very, very well Ron replied. "He was only small but agile and progressed through the England U-23 team."

Nowadays Ronnie Clayton is employed by Associated Tyre Specialists who are a part of Michelin. "I've been there 8 years but for the last 6 months I've been working on new business accounts and love it" he said.

Ronnie still has a close affection for Blackburn and he's hoping that Rovers can gain promotion this season after running so close over the past couple of years.

Assessing modern day football Ronnie said, "It's very fast but there's not as much ability and the game is not as good as in our day." When asked how he would cope playing today Ron declared, "Easy. I believe players today wouldn't have coped in our day."

He reminded us of teams locally in the 50's. "Preston, Bolton, Blackpool all had 8 or 9 great players in their team. Bolton had a very, very strong side and it was always a hell of a hard game for teams visiting Burnden Park," he concluded.

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"... last encounters"

Photo: Roy Greaves opens the Wanderers scoring in the 2-0 success over Orient at Burnden in October 1974.



Leyton Orient are one of only four clubs that the Wanderers have faced in all four divisions of the football league; the others being Burnley, Cardiff City and Wolves.

The Londoners stay in the top flight however was brief, just one season, but they did manage to record their first win at Burnden during that time with a 1-0 success in April 1963. Three days earlier, on the Good Friday, the Wanderers had won by an identical score at Brisbane Road thanks to a Dennis Butler penalty.

Leyton's only other success at Burnden was also by a single goal margin when Barrie Fairbrother settled the issue in September 1970 at Second Division level. The following January they won 3-1 in East London to complete their only double over the Wanderers.

Bolton on the other hand

have managed the double on two occasions over todays visitors with each at the contrasting ends of history in games between the clubs. The first was completed in 1908-09, in the first League meetings, both by 2-0 against the club then known as Clapton Orient. Wanderers centre forward Billy Hughes scored all four goals to help the club on their way to the Second Division Championship.

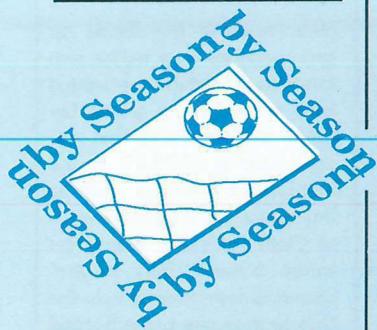
The second double was completed during the Wanderers promotion winning season of 1987/88 in the last encounters between the teams.

At Burnden a John Thomas goal secured victory whilst in London the Wanderers came from behind to win 2-1 thanks to goals from Julian Darby and Andy May. Alan Comfort had given the home side an interval advantage.

Strangely, in the ten seasons that the Wanderers and Orient met in the League between 1965 and 1982, no less than six players made their Bolton debuts. John Napier, Ron Greaves, Alan Waldron, Peter Reid, John Thomas and Ian Bailey were the new boys whilst it was against Orient in April 1978 that Peter Thompson last appeared in a League game.

Our overall League record against Orient is as follows:-

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
Home	16	10	4	2	22	7
Away	16	3	6	7	16	25
Total	32	13	10	9	38	32



Bolton opened the season by being the first visitors to Everton's new ground at Goodison. The friendly resulted in a 4-2 win for the home side despite James Cassidy scoring the first goal on the new enclosure after only two minutes.

On the 13th September at the Wanderers AGM, held at the public sale rooms on Bowkers Row, the issue of a new ground was raised. The Wanderers' Secretary, J. J. Bentley, stated that "a ground was in view but Pikes Lane would still be available for two seasons before the builders would take over."

The opening League game at Preston North End was lost by 2-1 but then four consecutive home League games all ended in a Bolton victory, including a 5-0 win over Aston Villa, in which James Cassidy scored a hat trick.

Three draws then followed with James Dickenson matching Cassidy's feat in a 4-4 draw with Stoke at Pikes Lane. Notice Boards were

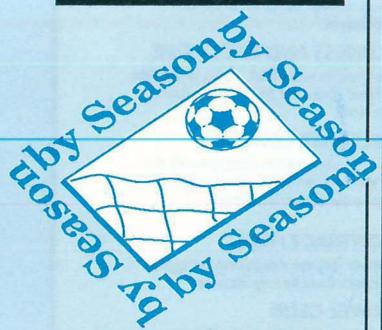
erected around the ground requesting spectators to refrain from 'hootng' or doing anything to annoy the referee.

After the promising start to the season, only one defeat in the first eleven games and fourth position in the League, things started to go wrong with only one win being chalked up in the next twelve games. That came in a 4-1 home win over Newton Heath, later to become Manchester United, in the first League meeting between the two clubs.

Christmas was spent away from home with a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa on Christmas Eve and the same score being repeated at Derby on Boxing Day.

A crowd of only 2000 saw Derby win 3-0 at Pikes Lane on the 2nd January, the poor attendance being attributed to the good skating weather.

After two heavy defeats at Stoke and Burnley, along with an FA cup exit at the hands of eventual winners, Wolves, the Wanderers found themselves in the bottom three.



Davie Weir returned to the club from Ardwick after heading their scoring charts in the Second Division and he helped turn the tide with seven goals in the Wanderers last eight League games.

Things improved with a 3-3 draw at runaway champions Sunderland, in which Weir scored twice and indeed, the Wanderers were three goals to the good with only twenty five minutes remaining.

Only one of the final eight League games were lost, a 3-0 reverse in the final game at Everton. Six consecutive home wins, including a 2-1 victory over Sunderland before the best gate of the season of 13000 was enough to lift the Wanderers into a creditable final position of fifth.



JAMES TURNER

**'Kicked' at Bury
before 16,000
spectators**

During March a Lancashire Cup second round tie against Bury at Gigg Lane was abandoned after a spectator ran on to the field and kicked Wanderers half back James Turner. The ground was overflowing and packed right up to the touchline with 16000 spectators and despite the fact that Bolton were leading 3-1, the FA ordered a replay at Pikes Lane.

Betting was given as the reasons for crowd disturbances but justice was done in the replay with Bolton winning 1-0.

The Wanderers qualified for both local cup finals but lost on each occasion. Newton Heath, who had finished bottom of the First Division, but had kept their place after the test matches, defeated the Wanderers 2-1 in the Manchester cup final at Ardwick. A week later Preston kept Bolton's trophy cabinet empty for the year with a 2-0 win in the Lancashire cup final at Blackburn.

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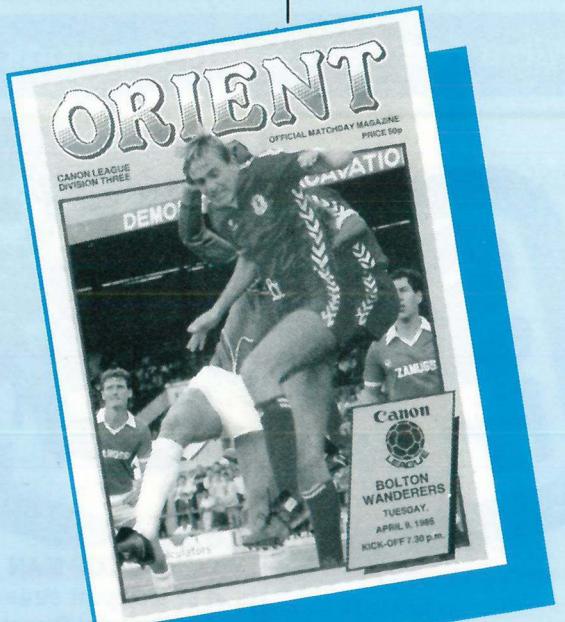


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Division 3

Orient 4
Bolton Wanderers . . 3



**The Wanderers lose
a 3-1 half time
advantage.**

SCORERS

Orient
Brooks, Godfrey 3.

Bolton
Chandler 2, Rudge.

Rotherham United produced a 36 page programme for our visit last Saturday, priced at 70p it turned out to be a very good read with plenty of input from the contributors who form the programme team.

Interesting articles included Supporters Page which informed the home fans of happenings at Millmoor, and Behind the Scenes which emphasised the importance of the people not normally under the spotlight at a club but who are very much important to the successful running of a club.

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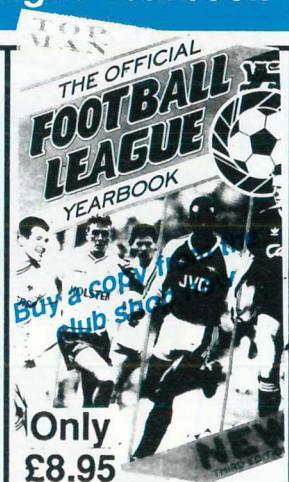


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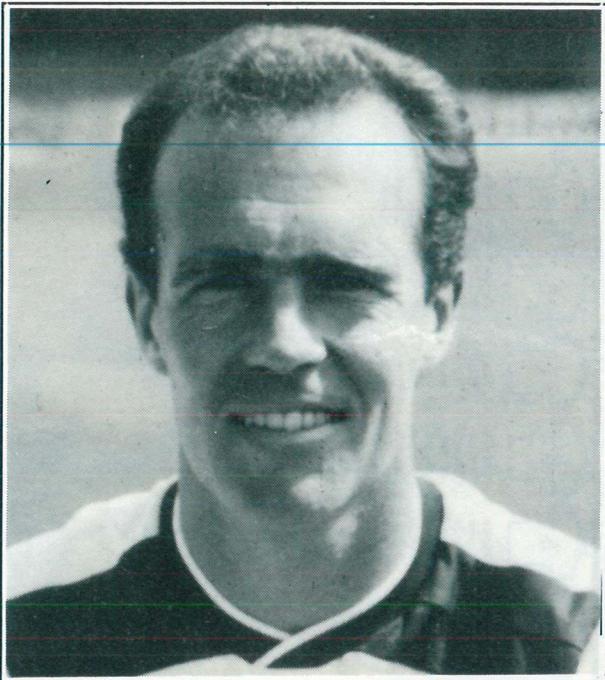
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Aug	19	Cardiff	2-0
	22	Rochdale (L/C)	4-376
			1-2
			3-464
			5-524
Sept.	29	ROCHDALE (L/C)	5-1
	2	Huddersfield T.	4-637
			1-1
			7-872
	9	BRISTOL ROVERS	1-0
			5-913
			0-1
	16	Rotherham Unt.	6-846
			2-1
	19	WATFORD (L/C 2nd Rd Rd-1)	6-856
	23	LETON ORIENT	
	26	Non County (Tue)	
	30	MARSHFIELD TOWN	
	3	Worthing (Tue) (L/C 2nd Rd Rd-2)	
	7	WIGAN ATHLETIC	
	14	Cream A&A	
	17	Brentford (Tue)	
	21	CHESTER CITY	
	26	Preston N.E.	
	31	WALSALL (Tue)	
	4	SWANSEA CITY	
	11	Bristol City	
	18	(FAC)	
	25	Birmingham C.	
Dec.	2	NORTHAMPTON T.	
	9	(FAC2)	
	16	Shrewsbury T.	
	26	BLACKPOOL (Tue)	
	30	BURY	
	1	Taunton R. (Mon)	
	6	READING (FAC3)	
	13	Fulham	
	20	CARDFIFF CITY	
	27	Bristol R. (FAC4)	
	3	Leyton Orient	
	10	NOTTS. CNTY. (FAC5)	
	17	Wigan A.R.	
	20	CREWE ALEX.	
	24	BRENTFORD	
	31	Chester C.	
Apr.	7	PRESTON NE (FACSF)	
	10	Walsall (Tue)	
	14	TRAMMERE ROVERS	
	15	Blaizeholme (Tue)	
	21	SHEFFIELD B.T.	
	24	Bury (Tue)	
	28	BIRDS TOL. CITY	
	5	Swindon City	
	12	FA Cup Final	



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TODAY'S MASCOT

Martin Ashworth

Martin is 10 years old and lives in Gt. Lever. He attends St. Simon & St. Judes School and plays football for the school team (defender). His favourite player is Dave Felgate.

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	Home	W	Away	L	D	Goals	Goals	Av Pts
Bristol R.....	5	3	0	1	0	10	12	12
Bury.....	5	1	2	0	2	0	10	5 11
Huddersfield.....	5	2	1	0	1	0	9	6 11
Rotherham.....	5	2	1	0	1	0	10	5 10
Shrewsbury.....	5	2	0	1	0	1	11	7 10
Bristol C.....	5	2	0	0	1	1	1	7 3 10
Fulham.....	5	2	0	1	1	1	0	7 4 10
Tranmere.....	5	2	0	0	1	2	8	5 9
Birmingham.....	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	7 4 9
Leyton O.....	5	2	0	0	0	0	7	5 9
Northampton.....	5	2	0	0	0	2	1	5 3 8
Bolton W.....	5	1	1	0	1	1	4	2 8
Walsall.....	5	1	0	2	1	1	0	7 8 7
Reading.....	5	1	1	1	0	2	0	5 5 6
Mansfield.....	5	1	0	1	1	2	3	5 6
Notts Co.....	5	0	1	1	1	1	6	7 5
Chester.....	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	9 5
Swansea.....	5	0	1	1	0	0	2	7 10 4
Blackpool.....	5	0	1	1	0	0	3	4
Wigan Ath.....	5	0	1	1	0	2	1	6 4
Brentford.....	5	0	1	1	0	1	2	6 2
Preston.....	5	0	1	1	0	0	3	7 15 1
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- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
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